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North Owosso Farmers' Club.

The North Owosso Farmers' Club held a very pleasant session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sawyer. After the usual order of business, the discussion of questions was taken up. In responding to the question, "Does it pay to attend Farmers' Institutes?" Mr. Place said: "Yes, for the reason that one meets the progressive farmer, a better class than one sees every day, and by an interchange of thoughts and methods, a broader idea of the business of farming is obtained." At this juncture the dining-room doors were thrown open, dinner was announced and the gentlemen remarked that the sight of a well spread table always disturbed their oratory, so an adjournment for dinner was taken. The Club, in kindly consideration for the hostess of the day, adopted the picnic plan for the dinner, and it goes without saying that as social and culinary affair it was a success.

"Should Farmers grow, or buy their plants, cabbage, tomatoes, etc.?" The general opinion was in favor of home grown.

"Which is the better way to sow oats, drill or broadcast?" Mr. Place prefers drilling as the seed is more evenly covered and the moisture settles in the hoe marks, giving the plants better nourishment. Mr. Moyse thinks much depends on the season. If the conditions at the time of seeding are favorable for quick growth, broadcasting seems to be as good as drilling; but if unfavorable, drilling is better. Mr. Sawyer prefers drilling on light soil, but on heavy soil or muck, broadcasting is his choice. Mr. Spaulding has had success and failures in both methods, but in a general way favors the drill.

"Can the fertility of the soil be increased by tillage?" If the word "tillage" means simply means the stirring of the soil, no; but if it includes the proper application of fertilizers, yes.

Master Jamie Carson favored the club with a nicely rendered song, "Sleep My Baby, Sleep."

"Should the question relative to the moving the County Seat be submitted to the voters for their decision?" If the action of the board of supervisors in denying the people the privilege of voting on the county seat question was final, the discussion of the question would be of but little interest; but, as the matter is only "deferred," the following suggestions would seem to be pertinent to the case: The question is no longer one of strife between rival towns. It is one of direct interest to every resident of county. Shiawassee county is greatly in need of a new court house. The present one, while it may have been up to the times when it was built, and an honor to those who built it, is inadequate to the present need. It is inconvenient, unsanitary, totally devoid of architectural beauty, and is a discredit to the county. It should be replaced by a new one which will correspond with the wealth, intelligence, culture and refinement of the people of Shiawassee county. Before entering upon an enterprise of so much importance, the people should have the privilege of selecting a site. If the present one is satisfactory, it is theirs by right to say so; but if some other location is preferable, it is equally their right to select it, and the supervisors who would vote to prevent them from exercising this right, assume a degree of dictatorship, unbecoming an American citizen. The unanimous vote of the club was in favor of submission.

"Which is better for the American farmer, importation or exportation?" Mr. Stiles said importation takes our money away, while exportation brings money to us. Therefore it is better to export so that we may have a balance in our favor. Mr. Place read a statement showing that the poultry products of this country, although more than double that of the dairy in value, are insufficient to meet the demand, necessitating the importation of large quantities.

In reply to the question, "Why do not the ladies of our club have more to say?" Mrs. F. G. Lowell said she did not know unless it is because the gentlemen say so much, and she thought the ladies should receive credit for being such attentive listeners. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Miller.

Laingsburg.

L. S. Reed is now a member of the firm of Doty, Webster & Co.—Alvah West has built a small dwelling house on Weeks' addition—C. Weeks has sold C. S. Crook another parcel of land in the north part of the corporation for \$142—The village hall is receiving a thorough renovating. A much needed improvement—"Uncle" Ben Barnes has returned from California, where he spent the winter. He says Michigan is good enough for him yet—From the tone of a letter in last week's News we should judge that our townsman, Jimmie Benson, is not pleased with the way the administration in Washington is conducting the affairs of the government. Perhaps if the officials knew our townsman was right there in their midst they might get a few pointers from him, for we presume he would be willing to advise them—Our new village council met last Monday evening and made the following appointments: Marshal, John Powell; street commissioner, A. D. Barnes.

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Byron.

Robert Cameron and wife, of Deerfield, spent Sunday at A. Hyatt's—E. C. Tuckey and wife were at Durand Thursday—T. A. Lawrie has been at Lapeer several days on business—John Davidson has moved into the Knapp house—Mrs. Jerry Joslin has rented her farm to William Root and moved into R. O'Hearn's house, in Byron—Mrs. J. L. Nichols has returned to Byron, after an extended absence—Mrs. Frank Tillman has been sick for some time, but is convalescent—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch went to Bancroft Friday—Oliver Campbell, of Owosso, was in Byron the first of the week.

Vernon.

D. C. Stewart and wife, of Bannister, were in town the first of the week—A. Garrison and wife called on Durand friends Sunday—Rev. Davidson attended a Baptist minister's convention at Jackson this week—Guy Davis was at Saginaw on Monday—Miss Lizzie Young has moved her stock of millinery into the store one door west of Dean's barber shop—Fred Perry will work for Shaw & Holmes this summer on the farm which they lately purchased of Aden Harrington—Mrs. A. G. Holmes enjoyed a visit from her two sisters the past week—Dr. Jones and wife spent Sunday with friends near Owosso—Rev. Hill, of Greenville, preached at the Baptist church here Sunday—John DeHart has been on the sick list this week—The Misses Maud Shaw and Abbie Howard called on Durand friends Saturday.

Shafterburg.

Geo. Peacock has bought the John Green house and lot, and moved his family there Tuesday—Erastus Rowley and family have moved into the Lew VanDewalker house—An Epworth League was organized in the M. E. church here last Tuesday evening. Howard Edwards is president—Mrs. Cross is entertaining her little niece, Miss Edna Lavier, of Ovid—Mrs. J. Marsh and little son, of Swartz Creek, visited with her parents and other friends here this week—Mrs. J. Hancock who has been very sick for some time is able to be out again—Mrs. Julia Van Riper is very sick—The Sunday school gave a very interesting entertainment in the M. E. church last Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with blooming house plants, and the little ones did themselves great credit as entertainers.

Carland.

Last Saturday the firm of Scott & Shannon was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Scott buying out Mr. Shannon's interest in the business—L. Waters paid a visit to his old army comrade, E. Prouty, at Lyons, this week—Mrs. Wm. Scott, Jr., who has been very sick with typhoid fever for the last two or three weeks, is so far recovered as to be able to sit up for a short time—Mrs. W. Wellington is quite sick, and also Mrs. W. Skutt—Wm. Scott, Sr., is building an addition to his house. R. Allen, of Owosso, is doing the work—Mr. and Mrs. M. Drake, of Laingsburg, were calling on old friends and neighbors last Friday—Charley Piddington went to Durand last week to work with the fence gang on the railroad, but received a better offer and has gone north to work on the Ann Arbor railroad—Cyrus White has rented his farm and is canvassing for a book in Clinton and Shiawassee counties.

New Lothrop.

Guy Petty now occupies the Ed. Bailey house—Dr. Bruce is preparing to locate at Easton soon—Lewis Kribbs is now in the employ of Ed. Munson—Mrs. Ida Farrer is building an addition to her house—Morris O'Dell was in Montrose, Monday on business—Andrew Tottigham, of Lucas, has leased Frank North's farm—Mrs. M. D. Packard is visiting her parents in Clayton this week—Work on the new Mulcahy & Pearsall building is going rapidly forward—Mrs. H. A. Packard, of Flushing, is spending the week with her son, Mark—Mr. Colby's new stage coach is now making regular trips between here and Brent—The interior of the Rolfe building has been repainted, and is being put in readiness for its new occupants—Very appropriate Easter services were held at the M. P. church Sunday. The music was one of the pleasant features of the occasion—Albert Sherman, who is attending the Normal school at Mt. Pleasant, spent the spring vacation with his parents in this township last week—Dr. Shoemaker, who for the past year has been doing some post graduate work at various colleges, has re-purchased his office and practice here, and resumed business again—Mr. and Mrs. Estey, of this town met with quite a serious accident while visiting friends in Mt. Morris township last week. Their horse became frightened and threw them out of the buggy, breaking Mrs. Estey's arm.

A Hint From the Klondike.

Joseph Ladue, the famous trapper and miner and the present owner of Dawson City, and for many years the agent of the Alaska Commercial Company gives a hint to persons going to Alaska, and pays great compliment to a well known article. He writes: "I have always used the Royal Baking Powder in Alaska and Northwest Territory, as no other gave equal satisfaction in that harsh climate. I also found my customers always insisted on having that brand."

Mrs. Rheom Acquitted.

The trial of the case of the people vs. Mrs. Emma Rheom, charged with the murder of Mrs. John Hartman, of Shiota township, ended yesterday afternoon in an acquittal. The trial occupied nine days' time, both sides making a determined effort to win. Prosecuting Attorney Chandler appeared for the people and A. E. Richards for the defense.

Free Text Book or Not?

County district school officers should remember that at the next annual school meeting they must submit to the district electors to be voted on, the question whether or not they will provide free text books to the children of the district. A majority vote decides. Those districts which do not wish to adopt the uniform school text book plan, must so declare, also by vote at those meetings. Superintendent of Public Instruction will send circulars to district officers covering these points.

Union Plains.

Easter services were held at the school house Sunday evening by the Sunday school. Quite an interesting program made the evening pass off pleasantly. A missionary collection was taken at the close, amounting to \$1.35—Mr. and Mrs. John Hurry went to Owosso Saturday—John Olrich has vacated the Walworth house and moved into a house he has improved on his place, to remain while building a better one—Farmers are getting in their oats this week—Mr. and Mrs. William Ware, of Brant Center, are visiting friends here this week—Mr. and Mrs. George Fox were at N. I. Harder's Wednesday—George Bruce has moved into the Walworth house.

Henderson.

Dr. Lumby's office is nearly completed—W. W. Palmer was in Saginaw Wednesday on business—Mrs. Arnold has returned from Saginaw, where she has been visiting friends—Fred Rowley has purchased the Dean property and intends to tear the shops down and build a dwelling house on the lot this summer—The new township board will hold their first meeting next Saturday, April 16th, for the purpose of appointing a health officer and transacting other business—C. D. Kirby expects to commence building a house on the lot purchased from the grange, next week—Wm. Epton purchased a new windmill this week—J. A. Hayt has his barn nearly completed. It is one of the finest barns in the village—Fred Smith gave a bachelor supper Thursday night. Fred is not a bachelor, but those who took part in it say that a genuine bach could have done no better.

Work of the Special Session.

The special session of the legislature ended Wednesday noon. The several bills providing for a change in the method taxing railroads were all defeated. The defeat of the Bemis bill and the failure to pass a bill for the appointment of a commission to investigate the whole question of railroad, telephone and telegraph taxation, are to be regretted. Both were good measures.

A total of eight bills and three concurrent resolutions were enacted into law by the extra session of the legislature, as follows:

An act authorizing a war loan of half a million dollars and providing for the disbursement of the proceeds therefrom and providing for a war loan sinking fund for the purpose of liquidating the loan.

An act to promote the efficiency of the Michigan National Guard and naval militia of the state and to provide for the organization of the volunteer militia in case of emergency.

An act to amend section two of act 140 of the session laws of 1897, the same being chapter 103 of Howell's Annotated Statutes relative to the licensing and taxing of express companies incorporated in other states.

An act providing for submitting to the qualified electors of this state, the question of a general revision of the constitution of the state of Michigan.

An act to amend section No. 36 of act No. 184 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the enrollment, organization, equipment, maintenance and discipline of the naval militia of the state," approved May 31, 1893, as amended by act No. 211 of the public acts of 1895.

An act to protect members of the state militia and all citizens of the state of Michigan in the service of the United States and their property from execution, seizure and levy and to provide for the continuance of pending suits in law and chancery in the event of war.

An act to suspend the refunding by the auditor general of moneys to purchasers of certain tax titles held invalid and to prohibit proceedings for the recovery of the same.

An act for the protection of home-steaders.

The concurrent resolutions provided for the settlement and adjustment of the claims of the military department for 1897 and 1898, for clerical services and expenses incidental to investigating bounty claims, issuing certificates and furnishing data and records of service to the soldiers of the last war; for the printing and binding of the official journals of the legislative session of 1898, and an expression of sympathy for the Cuban patriots in their struggle for independence.

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Anniversary Banquet.

A general invitation is extended all to attend the anniversary banquet at the First M. E. church this evening. Tickets are 35c. Following is the program, toastmaster, Rev. J. Sweet:

Piano Solo—Miss Maud Looker
"The Past and Present"—Rev. J. Sweet
Solo—Roy Knapp
"History"—Mrs. H. H. Daniels
"The Grain of Mustard Seed"—Rev. C. R. Kellerman
Violin Solo—Miss Mabel Perry
"T. L. A. and A. T. L."—Dr. H. S. Knapp
"Anticipation and Fulfillment"—Rev. E. B. Bancroft
Solo—Mrs. Etta Hill Gould
The menu consists of chicken salad, saratoga chips, olives, pickles, ham, veal loaf, jelly, brown bread, white bread, coffee, pineapple ice, cake.

"The Prodigal Son."

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Congregational church the choir, assisted by H. A. Smith, of Chicago, Francis Campbell, of Grand Rapids, and several chorus singers from the church choirs of the city, will render an oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," by Sir Arthur S. Sullivan. The words are taken entirely from the holy scriptures:

PROGRAMME.

1. Introduction.
2. Chorus—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God.
3. Solo—A certain man had two sons.
4. Recitative—My son, attend to my words.
5. Aria—Trust in the Lord.
6. Recitative—And the younger son.
7. Solo and Chorus—Let us eat and drink.
8. Recitative and Chorus—Woe unto them.
9. Song—Love not the world.
10. Recitative—And when he had spent all.
11. Aria—Oh that thou hadst hardened.
12. Solo—How many hired servants.
13. Chorus—The sacrifice of God.
14. Recitative—And he arose.
15. Duett—Father, I have sinned.
16. Recitative—Bring forth the best robe.
17. Aria—For this, my son was dead.
18. Chorus—O that men would praise the Lord.
19. Recitative—No chastening.
20. Aria—Come ye children.
21. Quartette—The Lord is rich unto them.
22. Chorus—Thou, O Lord, art our Father.

CHORUS.

Soprano—Mrs. R. E. Travis, Mrs. Etta Hill Gould, Mrs. W. E. McKenzie, Miss Fannie Jones, Miss Edith Frieske, Miss Anna Deal. Alto—Mrs. F. H. Gould, Mrs. Edwin Conant, Mrs. Geo. Noble, Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Miss Evora Robbins, Miss Minnie Sullivan, Miss Bedford. Tenor—Mr. Clarence Danforth, Mr. Alex. Mosher, Mr. C. C. Duff, Mr. F. H. Gould. Bass—Mr. Edwin Mosher, Mr. T. J. Horsman, Mr. Alonzo Crane, Mr. Fred Kamm, Mr. Ernest Jacobs, Mr. J. M. Bentley. Director—Mr. A. E. Perry. Accompanist—Miss Helen V. Duff.

Streets to be Paved.

Both the council and the board of public work seem to be decidedly in favor of paving this year. On Monday evening the members of the council held an informal meeting at the close of the regular session to discuss the questions of paving and erecting a new bridge across the river on Main street. Both projects were endorsed by the council—the first by a vote of nine to one.

A committee from the board of public works was in consultation with Engineer Riggs yesterday and decided to recommend to the board that paving be done this year as follows: On Main street from the west line of Park to the west line of Washington; on Exchange street from the east line of Washington to the east line of Water. As to the balance of the lines as originally outlined, the board will have to first settle the sewer problem. On Main street west of Washington to the river, the sewer will have to be taken up and relaid thus making it impossible to pave this year. Washington street from Mason to the river can be paved if the board is satisfied with the present sewer. Mr. Riggs' position is somewhat problematic—he admits the sewer is not right, still thinks it would do to pave over. In the opinion of THE TIMES the board or the council should not have a foot of paving laid until it is known absolutely that the sewer is properly laid and all right for use for years to come. The city now has a sample of "good enough" work on the Main street sewer, one lesson of the kind ought to be sufficient. Not a dollar of the tax-payers money should be footed away.

In this connection property owners along the streets ought to understand that the paving plans contemplate the narrowing of the roadway and the widening of the sidewalks five feet on each side of the street—a thing that should never be allowed.

Sunday Disturbance.

Every one was sorry for those people in church last Sunday, who were suffering with a distressing cough. A full dose of Down's Elixir on going to bed at night and small doses during the day will cure the most persistent cough. Whenever there is a tickling sensation in the throat take a few drops of the Elixir on the tongue and let it run slowly down the throat and immediately relief will be the result. We guarantee it to cure any cough, cold, croup or lung trouble, or money refunded.—W. E. Collins & Co., Parkhill & Son, L. M. Watson, Sprague & Co.—41.

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